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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to draw your attention to the recent deterioration of the situation regarding transshipments on the Danube caused by the blockade of the river Danube at Belgrade. Austria is deeply concerned about this potentially dangerous development and its possible consequences. States strictly acting in accordance with the Security Council resolutions on sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) are now confronted with acts of retortion. Those acts can only be considered as directed against the resolutions of the Security Council and as an attempt to impede their implementation. They also constitute a flagrant violation of the principles of free navigation and of the obligations under the Danube Convention.

Austria therefore requests the Security Council to take the necessary measures to bring about the lifting of this blockade of the Danube which clearly violates international law. Austria requests the Security Council to call upon the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to implement effective measures to end the blockade and to secure the free and safe navigation on the Danube.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thomas HAJNOCZI
Chargé d'affaires a.i.